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Re: Distribution of Water Within The Utah Lake Drainage Basin

The Board of Directors and Staff of the Metropolitan Water District of Orem Have reviewed the draft of your proposed plan and have directed me to respond and express their feelings regarding the plan.

I think a management plan is a good idea and long overdue. However, I offer the following observations:

1) In the introduction it states, "he has attempted to be fair to all water users." I'm not sure the plan does this, it seems to benefit all the rights associated with Utah Lake and requires all others to guarantee those rights.

2) Section 2--3 I believe that something should be done so that at least some of this water could be used. It seems to me that the 128,000 A/F figure is too high.

3) Section 2--6.1 Refers to storage rights junior to Utah Lake. I would think that any other rights are junior to Utah Lake. In order for Orem to have enough water to process at the C.U.W.C.D. treatment plant we must have our Deer Creek Storage Water. If any of this were taken to satisfy the Utah Lake Rights it would ruin us. We are also planning on using the 7500 A/F of water we have been granted in Jordanelle Reservoir in much the same way.

4) It isn't clear to me how these will be regulated jointly based upon their respective priority.

5) Section 2--8 This is a very important issue with us. At the hearing held in Provo you people gave priority dates of 1865 on the lower Provo River and 1884 on Wasatch County. I feel that it is very important that these dates be included in the plan. If they are then that would relieve some of the anxiety I have with the plan.

6) Section 3 I think all five of these issues are very important and should be spelled out clearly in the plan.

I congratulate you on taking on such a vast project as this but as I mentioned I think it must be done and I believe it will be a good plan when it is finalized.

Sincerely,



Jack Jones, Manager